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MARCH SHIPMENTS OF FLORIDA FISHERY PRODUCTS

Truck shipments of 2,554,000 pounds of fresh and frozen fishery products from areas east of Cedar Keys, spread among 46 classifications, were reported during March, according to summaries released today by the Jacksonville Market News Office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

This compares with 1,889,000 pounds, produced or loaded in Florida, and shipped by truck, for a similar period last year; and the 3,531,000 pound total for February 1942.

Of the March 1942 total, 943,000 pounds originated on the West Coast of the State and consisted principally of fresh mullet (627,000 pounds). Of the total fresh mullet truck shipments (678,000 pounds), the bulk was destined for Georgia (547,000 pounds), North Carolina (44,000 pounds), Virginia (30,000 pounds), and home consumption (27,000 pounds).

Frozen mullet, totaling 258,000 pounds, the bulk of it (416,000 pounds) originating from the East Coast, was second in volume. Practically all was destined for Georgia and South Carolina.

Kingfish (King mackerel) with East and West Coast shipments of 302,000 pounds (207,000 pounds destined for the New York market), ranked third.

Of the total truck shipments, 1,380,000 pounds (of which 1,210,000 were salt-water fish and 85,000 fresh-water) went to Georgia; 596,000 pounds (280,000 of which were salt-water fish and 310,000 were shellfish) to New York; 183,000 pounds were shipped to South Carolina; 109,000 pounds went to North Carolina; and 103,000 pounds to home markets.

Other items in the summaries show that 7 carloads of fresh fish of East Coast origin were shipped by freight during March from Florida to North Carolina, Virginia, New York, and New Jersey; and 4 carloads of frozen fish (East Coast origin) went to Georgia and Nebraska. An additional carload of frozen spiny lobster tails (East Coast origin) went to Illinois.

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Express shipments (of less than carload lots) included a total of 8,062 packages (barrels, boxes, kegs, cartons, and tubs), spread among 21 classifications of fresh and frozen fish and shellfish. The bulk of this item—6,645 barrels and boxes of fresh fish—was destined for Florida, west, and central, Gulf, and eastern States of the country.

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